

REMARKS

Summary of the Claims

With the present Office Action, claims 1-37 were pending in the application. Claims 1-28 and 32-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 29-31 were allowed. With the present Amendment, claim 29 has been amended and claims 1-28 and 32-37 have been canceled. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue all cancelled claims in a future filed and related application.

After entry of the above amendments, claims 29-31 will be pending in the application and are believed to be in condition for allowance as evidenced by the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter provided in the Office Action¹. The Applicant thanks Examiner Addy for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Telephone Interview Summary

A telephone interview was conducted on January 29, 2009 between Examiner Addy and the Applicant's representative Jonathan Paulis. The Applicant's representative thanks Examiner Addy for her time and consideration during the Interview.

During this interview the Applicant's representative pointed out a typographical error in claim 29, namely, the term "switching station" should read "bridging station", and requested that Examiner Addy agree to enter a claim amendment to fix that error. Examiner Addy agreed to enter the amendment. Examiner Addy also agreed that the amendment would not change the scope of the claim and, accordingly, the amendment would not require further consideration and/or search.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

¹ Office Action, pages 2-3

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103


Claims 1-28 and 32-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,931,114 to *Martin* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0225833 to *Pilat et al.* Claims 1-28 and 32-37 have been canceled, rendering the rejections thereto moot.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. Should any new concerns arise, Examiner Addy is urged to please initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned representative to expedite prosecution of the present application.

No fee is believed due with the filing of this paper, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3447.

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